WASHINGTON, DC MUSEUMS, CHERRY BLOSSOMS, AND MORE

April 11-18, 2018

Spend a week in Washington DC visiting museums at the height of Cherry Blossom time. Guided visits include the National Archives, the National Museum of the American Indian, the Smithsonian, and the Newseum. Watch the Cherry Blossom Parade, cruise down the Potomac to Mt. Vernon, see the city on a hop on-hop off bus, and attend the opening night of Snow Child at Arena Stage. All of this and more are part of this program. Participants will be staying at Catholic University, which has a metro stop on campus, and a metro pass for the week is included in this program.

**DAY 1**
**WEDNESDAY**
**APRIL 11**

Arrive in DC and check in at Catholic University of America conference center. Spend the afternoon on a Hop-On Hop-Off bus seeing all the monuments and buildings that make this city so memorable. Our official program begins this evening with our orientation dinner.

**DAY 2**
**THURSDAY**
**APRIL 12**

We visit the famous Smithsonian Museum, the world’s largest museum, education, and research complex, with approximately 154 million artifacts and specimens and enjoy a special guided tour just for our group. Following lunch, stay at the Museum or go to the Library of Congress for a guided tour of the historic documents. In the evening we will have dinner with Alaskans living in DC who will share their view of life in the nation’s capital.

**DAY 3**
**FRIDAY,**
**APRIL 13**

Our day begins with a visit to the National Museum of the American Indian which is committed to advancing knowledge and understanding of the Native cultures of the Western Hemisphere—past, present, and future—through partnership with Native people and others. The afternoon has an optional visit to the White House and that evening we attend the opening night performance of Snow Child at Arena Stage.
DAY 4
SATURDAY, APRIL 14
Witness the famous Cherry Blossom Parade filled with giant colorful helium balloons, elaborate floats, marching bands, celebrity entertainers, and performers - a grand spectacle of music and showmanship. In the afternoon we take a guided trip through the Newseum, a dynamic, engaging and interactive museum of news that promotes free expression and the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, while tracing the evolution of communication.

DAY 5
SUNDAY, APRIL 15
Enjoy a leisurely 6 hour sightseeing cruise along the Potomac River and a self-guided experience at Mount Vernon, George Washington’s home, gardens, and grounds. The sense of history is prevalent as you step back in time visiting the main mansion, maids’ quarters, kitchen, stables, and greenhouse.

DAY 6
MONDAY, APRIL 16
We head to College Park, Maryland for a guided tour of the National Archives and Records Administration, which is charged with preserving and documenting government and historical records and with increasing public access to those documents. The National Archives is officially responsible for maintaining and publishing the legally authentic and authoritative copies of acts of Congress, presidential proclamations and executive orders, federal regulations, and also transmits votes of the Electoral College to Congress. That evening we will have a guided walk along the National Mall.

DAY 7
TUESDAY, APRIL 17
Our last day begins with a meeting in Senator Murkowski’s office for a briefing on matters concerning to Alaskans. There will be an optional visit to the U.S. Capitol Building in the afternoon with a farewell dinner in the evening.

DAY 8
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
Following breakfast, we head home with wonderful memories of one week in our nation’s capital.

PROGRAM FEE
$2,000.00, which includes room (double occupancy with bath shared with another room), three meals a day, all entrance fees, educational programs and transportation to various venues. Transfers from the airport, airfare to DC, laundry, liquor, and luxuries (souvenirs) are NOT included.

IMPORTANT NOTE
Travel insurance is always recommended for any travel. It protects the passenger’s financial investment, as well as any unexpected medical needs during travel. University of Alaska Fairbanks does not sell travel insurance policies, but there are several ways to purchase coverage. Some credit card companies insure trips that are purchased with their card. Another option is to check with a local travel agency. We advise that you look into coverage within 15 days of making the deposit, as some vendors require the coverage to be purchased within that time period to receive the most benefit.

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